

Hermitage Park Weekly

Headteacher update from Faye Calder-Kelly

Week beginning— 30th August 2021

HERMIE LOVE READING FOCUS

This year we will be having a big focus on promoting reading for enjoyment throughout the school. We have been busy getting our school library ready for a re-launch, updating our class libraries and setting up outdoor libraries. The School Association kindly donated £2000 at the end of last year for us to support us with this focus—thank you!

The children have been discussing with staff ideas about how we can make our class libraries as inviting as possible and they have created a wish list of resources. Before we rush out and spend funds on these items I wondered if any parents have any of these items at home and wouldn't mind donating them to the school? Have you got...

Cushions or bean bags in clean and good condition

Small rugs in good condition (bonus points for an artificial grass rug or off cut)

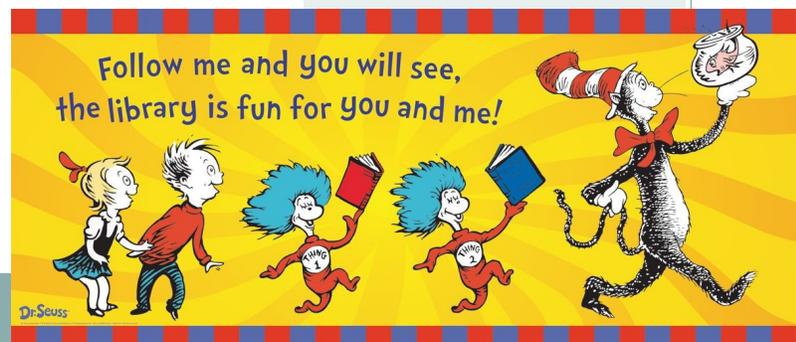
- Fairy lights
- Lava lamps
- Tepees
- Colourful light material to hang as a canopy
- Small baskets (non-plastic e.g wicker)
- Artificial plants
- Small CD player/children's headphones
- Weighted blankets
- Mini sofa/bench
- Wall paper (colourful rolls or off cuts)
- Graphic novels/comics
- Children's newspapers
- Paper lanterns
- Large soft toys (clean and in good condition)

We will leave a labelled tub outside the school office for any donations. Thank you in advance!



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HERMIE STARS OF THE WEEK

Last week, Jude and Martina in P1, Joel in P1/2, Lucy.W in P2, Maddie in P3A and the whole of P3B, Joey and Khloe in P4, David, Mia and Milo in P5, Abu Bakar in P6, Laila T in P6/7 and Charlie in P7 were all presented with a Star of the Week certificate for being successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors. What Hermie Stars!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

As you will be aware guidance on what we can and cannot do is regularly reviewed by the Scottish Government. I have tried to outline the key dates you might want to add to your diaries at home below but please be aware that plans may need to be adapted in light of guidance.



Date	Event
1st Sept 2021	Leith Rugby start a block of taster sessions with P4
2nd Sept 2021	'Mixed Up' Performance and workshops delivered by EIF with P1/2 (outdoors)
20th Sept 2021	School closed for September holiday
23rd Sept 2021	Flu Spray for all pupils and staff
6th and 8th Oct 2021	Parent Consultation Meetings
15th Oct 2021	Non-school uniform day—wear red to 'Show Racism the Red Card'
18th—22nd Oct 2021	School closed for October holidays
25th Oct 2021	In-Service Day—School closed for pupils
8th Dec 2021	P1/2 Nativity (if guidance allows parents to attend)
15th Dec 2021	P1-3 Christmas Parties
16th Dec 2021	P4-7 Christmas Parties
17th Dec 2021	Christmas Movie and Non-Uniform Day
20th Dec—4th Jan 2022	School closed for Christmas holiday
5th Jan 2022	In-Service Day—School closed for pupils
30th Mar & 1st April 2022	Parent Consultation Meetings
8th April 2022	Non-uniform day
11th April—22nd April 2022	School closed for Easter holidays

Dates	Event
2nd May 2022	School closed for Bank Holiday
3rd May 2022	In-Service Day—School closed for pupils
23rd May 2022	School closed for Bank Holiday
25th May 2022	P4-7 Sports Day
26th May 2022	P1-3 Sports Day
30th May—3rd June 2022	P7 School Camp
29th June 2022	P7 Leavers Show (if guidance allows parents to attend)
30th June 2022	P7 Leavers Event
1st July 2022	School closes at 12 for Summer holidays

BUILDING RESILIENCE—LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE

As part of our Building Resilience programme we learnt about 10 tools that we can use to keep healthy in mind and body. This term we will be focussing on the tool 'Look on the Bright Side'. We will cover 3 main learning objectives -

- The way you think can affect the way you feel.
- There are different ways of looking at the same thing.
- Focusing on what you are grateful for can help.

Please look out for the parent booklet. You will also see that there is a home learning task to make a memory jar of things that you are grateful for. The children could write or draw about the things they are grateful for or put items in that remind them of particular times in their lives. We are asking the children to bring these into school once they have created them to share with their class.

SOME REMINDERS FROM OUR LOVELY OFFICE TEAM

- Please return your annual data form and KIC form as quickly as possible
- Please return your child's flu spray permission form
- Please remember to ring the office before 9.15am if your child is off stating the reason for the absence
- Please remember that we have an office post box by the front door so that you do not need to enter the building
- We are once again allowed to collect lost property (we will put the lost property box outside the front office entrance at the end of the day for parents/pupils to find lost items).

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION AGM—9/9/21 6.30pm

Our School Association AGM takes place on the **9th Sept at 6.30pm on TEAMS**. All parents are welcome to attend. Please email hp.schoolassociation@gmail.com to be sent the link. See attached flier. It is a great opportunity to hear about the essential work undertaken by the School Association in supporting the leadership team in keeping abreast of areas of importance to the parent body, supporting the school with our improvement priorities and helping to arrange Hermie community and fundraising events.

The more parents that come along, the greater positive impact the School Association can have on the school—so please get involved!